

Take & Make

Paint Brush Gnomes!

Materials Provided:

- Paint Brush
- 2 Swatches of Fabric
- Wooden Bead
- 2 Pieces of Twine
- White Ribbon
- Assorted Buttons

Additional Materials Needed:

- Scissors
- Glue (preferably a hot glue gun)



Directions

- First, you can remove the plastic wrapping from the paint brush.
- You were provided 2 pieces of twine, find the longer piece and fold it in half.
- Thread the 2 ends of the twine through the hole in the paint brush, then thread the ends back through the loop of twine and pull tight.
- You can then tie the ends together. This is how you will hang your gnome when it's finished!



- Your kit came with 2 fabric choices for your gnome's hat. Once you decide which fabric you would like to use, you'll need to trim it down.
- Cut the fabric so it wraps around the paint brush with some overlap and is about "1-square" taller in height.



- Next, before we attach the fabric, we want to glue the nose in place.
- Take the wooden bead, and glue it to the center of the paint brush just below the metal rim.
 - I placed the dot of hot glue so that it was both on the metal and bristles.



- Once your nose is in place we can begin gluing down the fabric.

NOTE - The following directions to glue the fabric is just how I found best to do it. If you find a better way, go for it!

- Start by placing a dot of glue a little above the wooden nose. Center your fabric, and press down to secure.
 - When you do this, make sure the fabric bunches up a little at the wooden bead, so it looks like the hat is being pulled down over the nose.



- Then add a dot of glue to either side of the wooden bead to secure the fabric tightly around the nose.
 - The photo below indicates the three spots where the fabric should be glued at this point.



- Now it's time to flip the gnome over to glue the fabric down in the back. It helps if you have the bristles and bead hang off the table so that the paint brush can still lie flat.
- Place a line of glue along one half of the rim of the metal, from the center to the outer edge (see photo below for reference) and tightly fold over the fabric to secure.
 - When folding over the fabric, you'll want to pull at a slight angle, this will help give the hat that pointy look.



- Next, add a line of glue along the handle of the paint brush and secure the fabric.
- I then cut off as much of the excess fabric as I could.



- Repeat these steps with the other half of the fabric. When done the hat should look something like:



- At this point you can use the additional materials or anything you having lying around at home to decorate your gnome!
 - Use the ribbon or remaining piece of twine to make a bow or add some buttons!